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A Washington Post story addresses the conservation challenges and opportunities the Obama administration faces in a second term and says one of them is deciding the fate of the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay.

The Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay network hosted two public events in Boston and Portland, Maine, and conducted meetings with New England Congressional delegation staff and regional commercial fishing organizations. The events were covered in the Boston Globe and the Portland Press Herald, including a feature on prominent Maine chef Sam Hayward who supports protection of Bristol Bay's salmon and fishing jobs.

Here is an excerpt: "I don't have to go into all the reasons I think the Pebble Mine is a bad idea," Hayward said, "but I think they'll make arguments very strongly in the halls of power that this is economic development that will provide jobs and can be managed safely. And I think we have ample experience and evidence that there are too many unpredictables in exploitation of natural resources - think the Gulf of Mexico, think global warming - to believe that the Pebble Mine at the headwaters of the rivers that flow into Bristol Bay (could be operated safely). One small accident could destroy decades of intelligent management and conservation of the resource."

The New York Times devoted a photo gallery and article to the work of Corey Arnold, a Bristol Bay commercial fisherman and fine photographer. The Times writes that Arnold thinks of his work as part historical archive. "The Kvichak and the Nushagak are the two rivers that could possibly be damaged by Pebble Mine," he said. "It's a major threat to Graveyard Point. This is a community that might not exist in the future if the salmon run is poisoned."

Lastly, a pair of blog posts revisits the record of modern mines on leaks, spills and tailing dams failures, citing numerous instances and their disastrous consequences for fish, wildlife and water quality.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Salazar departure leaves 'green' posts vacant

Washington Post

Juliet Eilperin

With Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's announcement Wednesday that he intends to resign, the Obama administration finds itself in exactly the same place it was four years ago: looking to fill the three most important environmental posts in the federal government... [Click here to read more](#)

Free screening of "Red Gold" at Aquarium Jan. 24

Boston.com

Beth Daley

Yes, it's far away, but Bristol Bay provides New Englanders with some of the best sockeye salmon we eat. But fishermen there are gravely worried about a proposed mine in the heart of the watershed. On Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. the New England Aquarium will hold a free screening of "Red Gold", a documentary about Bristol Bay, Alaska and the people who make their living off its fish... [Click here to read more](#)

Eat, Sleep, Fish, Click

New York Times

Jesse Newman

Near the mouth of the Kvichak River in southwestern Alaska, there is a knob of tundra reaching into the water that locals call Graveyard Point. Atop a small bluff lie the dilapidated remains of an abandoned fish cannery, and below is a vast, swampy delta... [Click here to read more](#)

Chef Sam Hayward Goes to Bat for Sockeye Salmon

Portland Press Herald

Meredith Goad

Why should Mainers care about a fishery that is thousands of miles away? "If we're going to hope for support for our efforts in the northeast to conserve and rebuild and renew and revitalize our fisheries and our fishing communities, then I also think we have to be actively involved in supporting fisheries and communities elsewhere," says Sam Hayward of Fore Street, one of Portland's best-known chefs... [Click here to read more](#)

Modern Mines Leak: Given the Chance, Pebble Mine Will Too (Part 2)

Switchboard

Taryn Kiekow

Yesterday I blogged about Baia Mare – a modern mine in Romania whose tailings dam failure in 2000 released 100,000 cubic meters of cyanide and other toxic mining waste into nearby waterways. Although there are numerous examples of accidents at modern mines across the globe, I chose to focus on Baia Mare because at the time it was called the worst environmental disaster since Chernobyl... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble Mine: The Worst Idea Ever

Switchboard Blog

Taryn Kiekow

I have blogged time and time again about the devastating impacts of, and significant opposition to, the proposed Pebble Mine at the headwaters of Bristol Bay, Alaska. The following infographic expresses both, conveying the staggering magnitude of the project in one powerful image... [Click here to read more](#)

In clash over Alaskan mineral lode, warnings for Wisconsin?

Wisconsin Reporter

M.D. Kittle

The Bristol Bay region in Southwest Alaska is wild country, wide open, marked by sweeping stretches of wind-blistered tundra, pocketed by wetlands and scissored with rivers pushing into the bay's pristine, cobalt waters. This is the land of the gray wolf, the bald eagle, the grizzly bear. It is the definition of remote... [Click here to read more](#)

Fury at Anglo American Platinum's plan to close mines

The Guardian

Reuters

Mining union leaders threatened new strikes on Tuesday when Anglo American Platinum (Amplats), the world's biggest platinum producer, said it plans to mothball two South African mines, sell another and cut 14,000 jobs... [Click here to read more](#)

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